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Inventors: CATALASAN *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.4360005

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5. One (1) return postcard.

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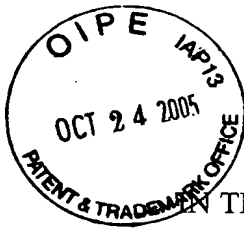
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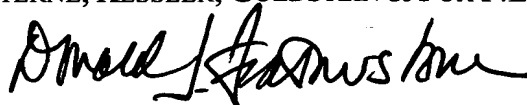
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)**

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	AN1	European Search Report, mailed September 14, 2005, from European Patent Appln. No. 04016857.7, 3 pages.
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